

How do you fit in?

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Every now and then, we all need a 'Reality Check.' The below survey serves this purpose.

There is no requirement to send this survey in. But I "highly encourage" you to read through the questions and mentally assess how you stack up.

From time to time, we all assess our roles whether it is in our civilian or military jobs. The below assessment focuses on our military role with the New Mexico Air National Guard.

Take the time to go through the questions below and ask yourself "To what depth does this apply?"

You can print this page and write in your answer to these

questions or just answer them mentally. If the answers you give leave questions in your mind regarding how you stack up, feel free to bring this to your supervisor's attention.

We all should know the correct answers to these questions. If you are not sure, perhaps additional training is required. If you don't like the answer to the question or perhaps you don't like the question being asked, maybe you should take it up with the person who can help you. He or she is with you each morning as you brush your teeth, just look in the mirror.

The bottom line - Making the NMANG a better unit starts with you, the individual.

1. Is the New Mexico Air National Guard a military organization?

- Is it supposed to be?

2. As a member, are you "military"?

3. Do we wear hats when in uniform as required by AFI?

4. Do we address each other in public by first/nick name?

5. Do we wear the uniform correctly?

6. Do we point out incorrect wear when seen?

7. Do we call an area to "attention" when an officer enters?

We send new personnel to Basic training and on to Technical Schools where they learn to be "military".

8. Do we try to keep that training, or do we say, "Forget all that, we don't do that stuff around here"?

9. Do we wear the uniform proudly or just because we "have to"?

10. Do you support and encourage attendance of PME schools?

11. Do you listen to what the individual says when they return from these schools?

12. Are you a professional?

13. Do you treat all personnel the same, or equally (there is a difference)?

14. Do you listen to all points of view prior to making decisions?

15. Do you take responsibility for your actions, or lack of?

16. Do you accomplish your mission AND take care of your people?

17. Do you listen for and pass on feedback to the appropriate people to correct a problem or improve working conditions?

18. Do you know the difference between feedback and griping?

19. Do you try to correct problems? Or just complain about them?

"I think there is a world market for maybe five computers."

- Thomas Watson (1874-1956), Chairman of IBM, 1943

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